

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2017

Attendance: **Present:** Board Members Bob Duff, Joyce Purcell, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Bob Thatcher, Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library ex-officio).
Absent: Deborah Ives and Lyn Dedmon (City Ex-officio).

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of December 2, 2016, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- There is a total of \$38,869.03 in checking and savings. Memberships have been coming in, often with additional contributions. Expenditures were primarily for programs.
- The Bookstore averaged only \$28.62 in December daily sales, but January sales seem to be making up for it.
- The December 2016 Financial Statements were accepted.
- John moved and Bob Duff seconded a proposal to put \$20,000 into Certificates of Deposit, laddering \$5,000 each into six months, one year, eighteen months, and two year brackets. The motion passed unanimously. John and Bob will research rates offered at local banks and credit unions and report back at the February meeting.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- There were no personnel changes. La Mesa is still #5 in circulation.
- As a result of an incident, the La Mesa Police Department will have patrols come in and talk with staff. Some stacks may be shifted for clearer viewing.
- Sue Richardson, new Director of City Services, met with Heather to discuss ways to coordinate programs. The Library will have a table at the *City's Fun with Physics event in April*, and may do experiments. Denise Stutzman will provide a resource booklet for a College Information Night.
- Flag Day Parade will be on June 3rd. Heather may ask some patrons to participate with Library staff.
- The possibility of ordering bags suitable for readers was discussed. If plastic, they should be a certain thickness to be used for shopping as well. Heather and John will pursue this topic.
- Heather, Christine, past-president Joe Glidden, John, and Eileen met January 13th to talk about children's literacy and what might be offered in a summer program.
- Heather, Christine, and Anna Hartmann from Library Headquarters discussed the pilot pre-kindergarten literacy program held at the Alpine Library and think the costs will be minimal for that kind of program. To push the literacy aspect separately here might require a pre-school expert. Bob Duff suggested contacting Guido Maliado, LMSV Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum.

- Heather would like to contact the directors of the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District pre-schools to find ways of connecting them to our library. Also, John will meet with Mayor "Dr. A" Arapostathis next month.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell

- There are ninety-seven members, mostly renewals, and many came with extra contributions.
- She mailed donation receipts to those received in December.

Bookstore:

- John noted that, after the December cleaning, there is extra space in the storage cabinet and that sales went up in early January. He reiterated that we have no space for magazines.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- The opening *Second Saturday* program with Jim Earp on January 14th was a huge hit. The others are listed here:

February 11, 2017	The Waits	1:00 p.m.
March 11, 2017	Adrienne Nims and the Lady of the Loch	1:00 p.m.
April 8, 2017	Trails and Rails	1:00 p.m.
May 13, 2017	The Shirthouse Bluegrass Band	1:00 p.m.
June 10, 2017	Fouad Sawa and His Peace Band	1:00 p.m.

- La Mesa Town Hall meetings will take place on January 31st and February 2nd. John will ask the City Manager, Yvonne Garrett, if he could bring promotional library pencils and brochures for the community table.

IT Report: Bob Duff

- Bob suggested that a 30-second video might be recorded at the musical programs. Leave at actual size when forwarding it to him.
- Please ask City Services to notify him of their upcoming events.

City of La Mesa Report: No report

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz